Formatting Works Cited Entries in MLA (8th edition)

Note: Books are cited the same way whether you read a print version or a digital (online) version.

Book with One Author:

Tunnell, Michael O. *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's 'Chocolate Pilot.'* Charlesbridge, 2010.

1. Each entry begins with the author's last name + comma + first name + period. If the book includes the author's middle name or initial, include that as well.
2. *Italicize* the title of the book. If the title includes a *subtitle,* put a **colon** and add the subtitle. Put a **period** at the end of the title.
3. After the title, put name of the publisher + comma.
4. After the publisher, put the date of publication + period.

Tip: A quotation within a title (in this case, the nickname "Chocolate Pilot") is placed in single quotation marks.

Book with Two Authors:

Krensky, Stephen, and Rob McClurkan. *The Sweet Story of Hot Chocolate.* Simon & Schuster, 2014.

1. Last name of the author + comma + first name, just as above.
2. Then, put a comma + "and" with the **first name + last name** of the second author. *List first whichever author is listed first on the cover of the book.*
3. Complete the citation in the same way as above with the title and publication information.

Publication date: Always use the most recent date listed.

Book with Three or More Authors:

Moss, Sarah, et al. *Chocolate: A Global History.* Reakton Books, 2009.

1. Last name of the author + comma + first name + comma, just as above.
2. After the first author, put the phrase *et al.* (Latin for "and others") in place of all the other authors' names.
3. Complete the citation in the same way as above with the title and publication information.

An Edition of a Book:

Coe, Sophie D., and Michael D. Coe. *The True History of Chocolate.* 3rd ed., Thames & Hudson, 2013.

1. There are two authors, so follow the format above. If the first author includes a middle initial, put a **period** after the initial, followed by a comma, then "and" + the second name.
2. Title in italics followed by a period.
3. After the title, put the edition number + "ed." + comma. End the citation with the publisher + comma + publication date.

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Book with an Editor or Translator:

Mathiot, Ginette. *France: The Cookbook.* Translated by Clotilde Dusoulier, Phaidon Press, 2016.

1. Start with the author and title as in the examples above.
2. After the title, write "Translated by" with the first name then last name of the translator followed by a comma. For an editor, write "Edited by…" instead.
3. After the comma, add the publisher + comma + date of publication

Book by an Organization or Government Agency:

Culinary Institute of America. *Chocolates and Confections: Formula, Theory, and Technique for the Artisan Confectioner.* The Culinary Institute of America, 2013.

1. Instead of an author's name, put the name of the organization. Leave off articles such as "The" or "A" at the beginning.
2. Italicize the title. If there is a subtitle, put a colon followed by the subtitle.
3. Complete the citation with the name of the publisher and date of publication.

Essay in a Collection, Work in an Anthology, *or* Selection in any Edited Work:

Gordon, Bertram M. "From Gold Bar to Chocolate Bar: California's Chocolate History." *Chocolate: History, Culture, and Heritage,* edited by Louis Evan Grivetti and Howard-Yana Shapiro, John Wiley and Sons, 2009, pp. 465-80.

1. Last name of the author + comma + first name, just as above.
2. Place the title of the selection in quotation marks followed by a period.
3. After the title of the selection, place the title of the *complete work* in italics followed by a comma.
4. Write "edited by" and then list the names of the editors: first name then last name.
5. After the editors, put a comma, the publication date, another comma, then "pp." and the page numbers of the selection

Magazine or Newspaper article (in print):

Durkin, Mary Beth. "Rethinking Dessert." *National Geographic,* 22 July 2016, pp. 45-52.

1. Author's name
2. Place the title of the article in quotation marks. Italicize the name of the magazine or newspaper. MLA follows a general pattern where quotation marks are used for SHORT works (articles, poems, short stories, chapters, TV episodes, songs) while LONG works that stand alone are italicized (books, magazines, newspapers, movies, anthologies). Here, the article is short and is contained in the larger work. The magazine, *National Geographic*, stands alone as a publication.
3. After the name of the magazine, add a comma + date of publication + pp. + the pages the article spans in the larger work.

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Formatting DATES

Anytime you write a date in MLA, use this format:

Day + Month + Year

Example: 29 Sept. 2017

The names of all months are abbreviated except May, June, and July.

Magazine or Newspaper article (online):

Owles, Eric. "How Nestle Expanded Beyond the Kitchen." *New York Times*, 27 June 2017, www.nytimes.com/2017/06/27/business/dealbook/nestle-chocolate-milk-coffee-history.html. Accessed 25 Sept. 2017.

1. The first part of this entry is the same as a print article (above). However, after the publication date and comma, include the URL instead of page numbers.
2. All web sources require an "access date." Put a period after the URL and write "Accessed" + date.

Webpage:

Klein, Christopher, "The Sweet History of Chocolate." *History*, 13 Feb. 2014, www.history.com/news/hungry-history/the-sweet-history-of-chocolate. Accessed 25 Sept. 2017.

1. Format the author's name just as you do for print sources. If the webpage does not list an author, leave it off and begin with the title.
2. Put the heading or title of the **page** + period in quotation marks. Then put the title of the *entire* **website** in italics + comma.
3. Copy and paste the **URL** from the top of your browser.
4. Access date. This is the date you visited the webpage.

URLs and DOIs

When citing a web source, include the URL. Leave off the https://.

Many databases and online libraries include a DOI (digital object identifier) for journal articles. If a DOI is available, use it instead of the URL.

Journal Article in an Online Database from LUOA's Library:

Rossner, Stephen. "Chocolate—divine food, fattening junk or nutritious supplementation?" *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, vol. 51, no. 1, 15 Jan. 1997, pp. 347-55. *ProQuest Central*, www.nature.com/ejcn/journal/v51/n6/pdf/1600409a.pdf. Accessed 20 Aug. 2017.

1. Author's last name, first name.
2. Put the title of the journal article in quotation marks, then name of the journal in italics, just as you would for a magazine or newspaper.
3. Add a comma, then the journal volume and issue number with the abbreviations "vol." and "no."
4. Add another comma and the publication date. Some journals include only the month and year, others include the day, while others use the season, such as "Spring 2016." Follow the pattern set by your source.
5. Always include the page span of the smaller work you are citing within a larger publication. Indicate page numbers with "pp." Shorten numbers where possible. Here 347-355 has been abbreviated to 347-55.
6. After the page numbers, italicize the name of the database through which you accessed the journal.
7. Complete the citation with the URL (or DOI) and access date.

Tip:

If a title ends with a question mark or exclamation point, do not add a period.

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A Dictionary Definition (print or online):

"Chocolate." *The American Heritage Dictionary*, 5th ed., 2017.

1. Put the word + period in quotation marks.
2. Italicize the title of the dictionary. Then put a period.
3. Put the edition number (if there is one) + comma + date the edition was published.

Tip: If your definition comes from an **online** dictionary, add the URL (www.ahdictionary.com) + a period + the access date (Accessed 29 Sept. 2017).

An Article in an Online Encyclopedia or other Reference Work:

Myhrvold, Nathan. "Chocolate." *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 22 April 2016. www.britannica.com/topic/chocolate. Accessed 29 Sept. 2017.

1. If an author's name is given, list it first. If no author is given, begin the entry with the article title.
2. Put the article title in quotation marks followed by a period. Then put the title of the reference work in italics, followed by a comma.
3. Date published or posted online.
4. URL + Access date.

The Bible (print or online version):

The ESV Study Bible. Crossway, 2012.

Title/version in italics + period + publication information

English Standard Version. Crossway, 2001. *Biblegateway.com*, www.biblegateway.com/versions/ESV-Bible/booklist.

For an **online version**, add the name of the website in italics + the URL. Right click and "remove hyperlink" so the formatting is correct.

NIV Study Bible. 10th Anniversary Edition, General editor, Kenneth L. Barker, Zondervan, 1995.

If you are citing a particular edition, put a period after the title and add the edition information.

If an editor or editorial board is listed, add that information after the title and before the publication information.

Tip: You may be citing a version with an editor but not an edition number or vice versa. Simply include whatever information is relevant to your source.

Putting it All Together:

To cite a source, you will combine the above information as necessary.

Dillinger, T. L., et al. "Food of the Gods: Cure for Humanity? A Cultural History of the Medicinal and Ritual Use of Chocolate." *Journal of Nutrition*, vol. 130, no. 8, Aug. 2000, pp. 2057-72. *Periodicals Archive Online*, jn.nutrition.org/content/130/8/2057S.long. Accessed 25 Sept. 2017.

1. This source has three or more authors, so use "et al."

   Use initials if they appear in an author's published name. Put a period after the middle initial, and then add a comma before "et al."
2. This source is a journal article accessed through *Periodicals Archive Online* on LUOA's library site, so use the model above to format the information.
3. The page numbers can be shortened from 2057-2072 to 2057-72.

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SAMPLE MLA WORKS CITED PAGE

Make the Works Cited a separate page of the paper. Use size 12 *Times New Roman* typeface.

Alphabetize your soures by the last name of the author—or the first letter of the entry (even if it is not the author's name).

Double space the entire page, but do not add extra space between each entry.

"Works Cited" is centered at the top of the paper. It is **not** underlined, italicized, or in quotation marks.

Works Cited

Alphabetize according to the first letter in each entry. Do **not** number the entries.

"Chocolate." *The American Heritage Dictionary*. 5th ed., 2017.

Coe, Sophie D., and Michael D. Coe. *The True History of Chocolate*. 3rd ed., Thames & Hudson, 2013.

Culinary Institute of America. *Chocolates and Confections: Formula, Theory, and Technique for the Artisan Confectioner*. The Culinary Institute of America, 2013.

Use a **hanging indent** for each entry. The first line is flush with the margin, and every line after that is indented ½ inch. You can set these settings in the "paragraph" tab.

Dillinger, T. L., et al. "Food of the Gods: Cure for Humanity? A Cultural History of the Medicinal and Ritual Use of Chocolate." *Journal of Nutrition*, vol. 130, no. 8, 1 Aug. 2000, pp. 2057-72. *ProQuest Central*, jn.nutrition.org/content/130/8/2057S.html. Accessed 25 Sept. 2017.

The entire page is double-spaced, and there is no additional space between the entries.

Gordon, Bertram M. "From Gold Bar to Chocolate Bar: California's Chocolate History." *Chocolate: History, Culture, and Heritage*, edited by Louis Evan Grivetti and Howard-Yana Shapiro, John Wiley and Sons, 2009, pp. 465-80.

Durkin, Mary Beth. "Rethinking Dessert." *National Geographic*, 22 July 2016, pp. 45-52.

Klein, Christopher. "The Sweet History of Chocolate." *History* 13 Feb. 2014, www.history.com/news/hungry-history/the-sweet-history-of-chocolate. Accessed 25 Sept. 2017.

Include one-inch margins on all four sides of the paper. Put your last name and page number in the header, as you do in the rest of the report.

Krensky, Stephen, and Rob McClurkan. *The Sweet Story of Hot Chocolate*. Simon & Schuster, 2014.

When you insert a URL, right click (or "control" + click on a Mac) and "remove hyperlink" so that the text is black and the underline is removed. You want your URLs formatted in the same way as the rest of the citation.

Mathiot, Ginette. *France: The Cookbook*. Translated by Clotilde Dusoulier, Phaidon Press, 2016.